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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0492

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Akira OGINO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3621
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Application No.: 09/351,399) Examiner: Winter, J.
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Filed: July 13, 1999)
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For: INFORMATION-SIGNAL PLAYBACK SYSTEM,) Confirmation No.: 9658
INFORMATION-SIGNAL READING)
APPARATUS, INFORMATION-SIGNAL)
PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION-)
SIGNAL PLAYBACK METHOD, INFORMATION-)
SIGNAL READING METHOD AND)
INFORMATION-SIGNAL PROCESSING)
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated February 5, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1, 3-5, 13, 15, 44, 46, and 63-68, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of protecting media, and Group II, claims 20, 22-24, 32, 34-36, 51, and 53-55, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of protecting media and controlling use of media (Restriction Requirement at p. 2). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1, 3-5, 13, 15, 44, 46, and 63-68, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of protecting media.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 22, 2008

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